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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Hi, I am a software developer for a major computer security company. I hope that the US Department of Justice is willing to put in place rules and regulations that are more strict then those proposed in the current settlement. If Microsoft is not regulated sufficiently then I as a consumer, a working American and technologist stand to lose. As a consumer I stand to lose, because I will have less choice in applications and features. Microsoft is starting to compete in the computer security market, with the bundling of personal firewalls and email encryption, I as a working American stand to lose. Finally as a technologist I fear that many innovative ideas are squashed in the wake of their monopoly, and that creative diversity will eventually suffer.

I have heard that the DOJ is going lite on Microsoft because they believe that constraining any business in these times is not good. What about all those who have to compete against Microsoft?

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